

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method ~~Method~~ of managing requests in at least two distinct classes, relating to multimedia data, exchanged by a communication apparatus and at least one data source connected through a communication network, ~~characterized in that said method comprises steps, performed at the communication apparatus[[,]]~~ and comprising the steps of:

enabling at least one request of at least a first class of requests, the enabling taking account of the multimedia data received from at least a second class of requests, the requests of the second class being predictable in time;

dynamically allocating a priority to each of the enabled requests, in accordance with characteristics of said enabled requests; and

dynamically allocating a priority to each of the enabled requests of the second class in accordance with the time remaining until the next request of the second class.

2. (Currently Amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 1, further comprising ~~characterized in that it also comprises~~ a step of deciding with regard to the transmission of at least one enabled request, according to the priority allocated to said request.

3. (Currently Amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that it also comprises~~ further comprising a step of updating the requests in at least [[a]] the first class, the updating taking account of the multimedia data received from at least one request in at least [[a]] the second class.

4. (Currently Amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim [[3]] 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said communication apparatus and said data source are connected by a connection of the HTTP type.

5. (Currently Amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim [[3]] 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the multimedia data are Flash animations and/or image data compressed according to the JPEG2000 standard.

6. (Currently Amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to ~~any one of~~ claim[[s]] 1 to 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said requests are associated with the animation of an object and/or with the carrying out of a zoom or pan or a change of quality on an image and/or with interactions between a user and an animation.

7. (Currently Amended) A device ~~Device~~ for managing requests in at least two distinct classes, relating to multimedia data, exchanged by a communication apparatus and at least one data source connected through a communication network, ~~characterized in that~~ said device ~~comprises~~ comprising:

means for enabling at least one request in at least a first class of requests, the enabling taking account of the multimedia data received from at least a second class of requests, the requests of the second class being predictable in time;

means for dynamically allocating a priority to each of the enabled requests, in accordance with characteristics of said enabled requests; and

means for dynamically allocating a priority to each of the enabled requests of the second class in accordance with the time remaining until the next request of the second class.

8. (Currently Amended) The device ~~Device~~ according to claim 7, ~~characterized in that it also comprises~~ further comprising means ~~[[of]]~~ for deciding with regard to the transmission of at least one enabled request, according to the priority allocated to said request.

9. (Currently Amended) The device ~~Device~~ according to claim 7 ~~or 8~~, ~~characterized in that it also comprises~~ further comprising means ~~[[of]]~~ for updating the requests in at least a first class, the updating taking account of the multimedia data received from at least one request in at least ~~[[a]]~~ the second class.

10. (Currently Amended) The device ~~Device~~ according to claim ~~[[9]]~~ 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said communication apparatus and said data source are connected by a connection of the HTTP type.

11. (Currently Amended) The device ~~Device~~ according to claim [[9]] 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the multimedia data are Flash animations and/or image data compressed according to the JPEG2000 standard.

12. (Currently Amended) The device ~~Device~~ according to claim 7 ~~or 8~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said requests are associated with the animation of an object and/or with the carrying out of a zoom or pan or a change of quality on an image and/or with interactions between a user and an animation.

13. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 7, wherein the device is comprised in said communication ~~Communication~~ apparatus; ~~characterized in that it comprises a device according to claim 7 or 8.~~

14. (Currently Amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that it also comprises~~ further comprising a step of updating the requests in at least [[a]] the first class, the updating taking account of the multimedia data received from at least one request in at least [[a]] the second class.

15. (Currently Amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 14, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said requests are associated with the animation of an object and/or with the carrying out of a zoom or pan or a change of quality on an image and/or with interactions between a user and an animation.

16. (Currently Amended) The device ~~Device~~ according to claim 9,
~~characterized in that~~ wherein said requests are associated with the animation of an object
and/or with the carrying out of a zoom or pan or a change of quality on an image and/or
with interactions between a user and an animation.